

cooperation of State or local authorities in the work; and

(2) agreements or covenants as to the performance and maintenance of the work required to control or extinguish such fires.

**(b) Contributions**

The Secretary of the Interior shall require in connection with any project for the control or extinguishment of fires in any inactive coal mine on any lands not owned or controlled by the United States or any of its agencies, except where such project is necessary for the protection of lands or other property owned or controlled by the United States or any of its agencies, (1) that the State or person owning or controlling such lands contribute on a matching basis 50 per centum of the cost of planning and executing such project, or (2), if such State or person furnishes evidence satisfactory to the Secretary of the Interior of an inability to make the matching contribution herein provided for, that such State or person pay to the Government, within such period of time as the Secretary of the Interior shall determine, an amount equal to 50 per centum of the cost of planning and executing such project. At least 75 per centum of the funds expended in any fiscal year, from any appropriation available to carry out the purposes of this chapter, in connection with projects for the control or extinguishment of fires in inactive coal mines where such action is not necessary for the protection of lands or other property owned or controlled by the United States or any of its agencies, shall be expended in conformity with clause (1) of this subsection.

(Aug. 31, 1954, ch. 1156, § 5, 68 Stat. 1010.)

**§ 556. Administration**

In carrying out the provisions of section 553 of this title the Secretary of the Interior is authorized—

**(a) Employment of personnel**

to secure, by contract or otherwise, and without regard to the civil service laws and chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5, for work of a temporary, intermittent, or emergency character, such personal services as may be deemed necessary for the efficient and economical performance of the work;

**(b) Employment of equipment**

to hire, with or without personal services, work animals and animal-drawn and motor-propelled vehicles and equipment, at rates to be approved by the Secretary of the Interior and without regard to the provisions of section 6101 of title 41;

**(c) Contractual authority**

to procure all or any part of the surveys, investigations, and control or extinguishment work by contracts with engineers, contractors, or firms or corporations thereof;

**(d) Acquisition of lands, etc.**

to acquire lands or rights and interests therein, including improvements, by purchase, lease, gift, exchange, condemnation, or other-

wise, whenever necessary for the purposes of this chapter;

**(e) Property restoration**

to repair, restore, or replace private property damaged or destroyed as a result of, or incident to, operations under this chapter; and

**(f) Contributions; cooperation with other agencies; disposition of moneys**

to receive and accept money and property, real or personal, or interests therein, as a gift, bequest, or contribution, for use in any of the activities authorized under this chapter; and to conduct any of the activities authorized under this chapter in cooperation with any person or agency, Federal, State, or private. Any money so received shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in an available trust fund to be disbursed by the Secretary of the Treasury upon certification by the Secretary of the Interior in accordance with the terms of the grant, and shall remain available until expended for the purposes for which received and accepted.

(Aug. 31, 1954, ch. 1156, § 6, 68 Stat. 1010.)

CODIFICATION

In subsec. (a), “chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5” substituted for “the Classification Act of 1949, as amended” on authority of Pub. L. 89-554, §7(b), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 631, the first section of which enacted Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

In subsec. (b), “section 6101 of title 41” substituted for “section 3709, Revised Statutes (41 U.S.C., sec. 5)” on authority of Pub. L. 111-350, §6(c), Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3854, which Act enacted Title 41, Public Contracts.

**§ 557. Rules and regulations**

The Secretary of the Interior may issue rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this chapter.

(Aug. 31, 1954, ch. 1156, § 7, 68 Stat. 1011.)

**§ 558. Authorization of appropriations**

There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums,<sup>1</sup> as may be necessary to carry out the provisions and purposes of this chapter.

(Aug. 31, 1954, ch. 1156, § 8, 68 Stat. 1011; Pub. L. 102-486, title XXV, §2504(d)(3), Oct. 24, 1992, 106 Stat. 3106.)

AMENDMENTS

1992—Pub. L. 102-486 struck out “not to exceed \$500,000 annually,” after “such sums,”.

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<sup>1</sup> So in original. The comma probably should not appear.